

News Release

Third Annual Justin Knebel Ice Fishing Tournament Supports Scholarships at the U of M, Crookston

*By Itollefts on Thursday, March 7, 2013*The Third Annual Justin Knebel Ice Fishing Tournament was held at Zippel Bay on Lake of the Woods on Saturday, February 2, 2013. Over 75 participants helped raise more than \$2,800 for Justin Knebel scholarship fund at the University of Minnesota, Crookston. Mark your calendar for next year's event on Saturday, February 1, 2014, at Zippel Bay.

Winners during the tournament included Dillon Erickson, Argyle, Minn., for the first fish caught; Bruce Chiasson, Grand Forks, N.D., caught the largest walleye; Loren Hoff, Baudette, Minn., caught the largest sauger; and Mitch Ness, Crookston, Minn., caught the largest perch. Glenn Stoltman, Argyle, Minn., won the prize reserved for the largest northern as no northern were caught during the tournament. Thanks go to all who attended as well as to all of the sponsors, including tournament sponsors Zippel Bay and Streiiff's Sporting Goods of Warroad.

Background

Justin Knebel, who played basketball for the U of M, Crookston Golden Eagles, grew up in Warroad, Minn., graduating from Warroad High School in 2001. A talented athlete, he lettered in basketball, cross country, and track. After graduation, he attended the University of Minnesota, Crookston where he played basketball as a point guard for the Golden Eagles. Head Basketball Coach Jeff Oseth describes him as the ultimate team player working hard on the court and in the classroom. Besides his passion for playing basketball, Knebel loved the Warroad area and outdoor sports in Minnesota, making the ice fishing tournament an apt tribute to the memory of this outstanding student-athlete. For more information on the tournament, visit [www.umnCrookston.edu/justinknebel](http://www.umnCrookston.edu/justinknebel).

Members of the planning committee for the event include Corby Kemmer, Bill Tyrrell, Stephanie Helgeson, Amber Bailey, Rose Ulseth, and Alysa Tulibaski. Today the University of Minnesota, Crookston delivers 27 bachelor's degree programs, 18 minors, and 39 concentrations on campus--as well as 10 degrees online--in the areas of agriculture and natural resources; business; liberal arts and education; and math, science and technology. With an enrollment of 1,800 undergraduates from 25 countries and 40 states, the Crookston campus offers a supportive, close-knit atmosphere that leads to a prestigious University of Minnesota degree. "Small Campus. Big Degree." To learn more, visit [www.umnCrookston.edu](http://www.umnCrookston.edu).



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